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It was Christmas in July last month for several area students when the Westland Community Foundation announced the winners of $12,000 in scholarships.

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$21 million development breaks ground

Demolition of a long vacant office building on Plymouth Road began last Wednesday, clearing the way for construction of a 93-unit luxury apartment development to be called Starkweather Lofts in Plymouth.

The vacant 20,000-square-foot Columbian Financial Group office building at 333 Plymouth Road is being leveled and the nearly 6-acre site prepared for construction of the first multi-family complex to be built in Plymouth in a decade.

Plans call for 40 one-bedroom loft apartments ranging from 703 to 850 square feet and 53 two-bedroom units ranging from 1,045 to 1,309 square feet. Rents are expected to range from $1,500 per month to $2,800 per month.

Starkweather Lofts – a partnership between DevMar Development LLC, Burton-Katzman LLC, and F5 Investments – is a $21.1 million loft apartment development that targets young professionals, empty-nesters and young couples by offering high quality new construction with high-end amenities such as 10-foot ceilings, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, in-unit washers and dryers, balconies or patios, a community lounge, community park and pavilion with fire-pits and grilling stations, the developer said.

The recyclable materials from the site such as metal and concrete won't go to landfills, but to a recycling plant, a spokesperson said.

Located on the north side of Plymouth Road east of North Holbrook Street, the former office building had been used by the fire department for training exercises during the winter. The new the complex will consist of two four-story apartment buildings and green space is an integral part of the development which calls for preservation of many large existing trees, planting new trees and construction of walking paths that link Old Village through Caster Park, explained Mark DeMaria, principal for DevMar Development.

"Starkweather Lofts offer just the right combination of elements - solid urban loft design, upscale amenities, nearby parks and trails and a viable downtown with great restaurants and shops all within walking distance," said DeMaria.

Artist rendering

"Demand for luxury apartment living is high right now in Plymouth and around the country," said DeMaria. "Young professionals and empty-nesters are looking for alternatives to the older apartment structures in Plymouth. They want new construction with high-end features," he said.

DevMar Development was founded by Mark DeMaria in 2012. DeMaria, chosen by Crain's Detroit Business as one of its 40 Under 40, has 18 years experience in development and construction. His work has earned numerous awards, including two Excellence in Design "M Awards" from the Masonry Institute of Michigan for the residential/multi-family projects he developed in Royal Oak and Ann Arbor.

Local communities named among safest

The City of Plymouth and the townships of Plymouth, Northville and Canton are ranked among the safest communities in Michigan according to the 2015 Safest Cities in Michigan Report

The SafeWise Report revealed the 50 safest communities in Michigan last week using the most recent FBI crime data from 2013 to analyze and rank communities which all have a minimum population of 5,000 people.

"Nearly half of these cities are making their second appearance on our list and 46 of them reported zero murders in 2013," Rebecca Edwards, SafeWise security analyst, said. "In a world full of violent headlines, it's encouraging to see that these Michigan neighbors really know how to look out for one another."

"To identify the 50 safest cities in Michigan, we started by looking at cities with a population of more than 5,000 residents in 2013, as well as those that did not make a complete crime report to the FBI. From there, we analyzed the most recent FBI Crime Report Statistics from 2013 for each city, including both property crime (arson, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft) and violent crime (robbery, murder, aggravated assault, rape)," she said. "Then, to make everything equitable, we calculated the chance of these crimes occurring out of 1,000 people in each city," she added.

The City of Plymouth was ranked number 24 of 50. Analysts said: "Ranked one of the best suburbs in Michigan to raise a family, Plymouth is home to young families, good schools, and an excellent safety record. One way the Plymouth Police Department looks after its residents is by offering business and residential security surveys through their Crime Prevention Bureau. These diligent efforts helped limit violent crime to just 14 incidents in 2013, according to FBI data."

Population: 8,949

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 1.56

Property Crimes per 1,000: 9.94

Plymouth Township was the median community at number 25 on the 50 Safest Cities List. Analysts said: "A community-oriented policing philosophy helped Plymouth Township earn a spot on our list for the first time this year. Officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods to get to know the residents and become a regular fixture of the community. Partnerships between law enforcement and residents, schools, and businesses help township police curb crime and quickly address community problems."

Population: 27,076

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.66

Property Crimes per 1,000: 10.93

Northville Township was rated number 35 of the 50 safest communities. The analysts said in their report, "Northville police establish community trust and partnerships through the accessibility of the Bicycle Patrol unit. And you might want to get stopped by these police officers. The Bicycle Patrol rewards safe behavior by handing out free ice cream vouchers to citizens caught wearing helmets when out on their own bikes."

Population: 28,734

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.62

Property Crimes per 1,000: 12.66

Canton Township was ranked at number 45 on the list. Analysts said, "Positive relationships with the community helped Canton Township police

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Safest also 'snobbiest'

In another recent survey, two of the safest cities were also rated as the "snobbiest."

While Northville came in first, Plymouth took third-place in a rating by the websitewww.roadsnacks.net.

Road Snacks previously put together lists ranking the Most Redneck, Most Boring, Worst Places to Find Love and many others. The purpose, according to the site, is "to create bite-sized snacks of sharable information about places and cities across the country."

In determining that Northville in the snobbiest community in the state, followed by Plymouth, six criteria were analyzed explained Chris Kolmar who authored the list. He ranked 61 communities using the median home price, median household income, percentage of the population with a college degree, private schools per capita, theaters per capita and art galleries per capita.

Kolmar did say, however, "These aren't bad places to live, so don't get that idea,"

City, township to combine senior services

There are some changes planned for senior services in Plymouth.

The Council on Aging, Plymouth Township, the City of Plymouth, and the Plymouth Township Seniors Club have agreed to a plan that will improve and expand programs for seniors throughout the Plymouth community. Under the proposed plan, the Council on Aging offices will be moved to Plymouth Township Hall, senior transportation dispatch to Friendship Station, and will add programming at Friendship Station.

> *We are so lucky to have two great communities that put such a focus on senior services.*

"This is an exciting opportunity for our community to improve the quality of life for all of our seniors, and begin to fully utilize the Friendship Station," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price. "This is just the beginning of reaching our goal to meet the needs of our seniors."

Although the Council on Aging offices will be moving to the township, there will still be programming in the Cultural Center, and seniors in both the city and township will be provided transportation if needed. Currently about 70 percent of the passengers on the senior buses reside in the city and 30 percent in the township, officials said.

"We have been pleased to assist the Council on Aging in the past and are thrilled to join in efforts to expand their efforts to help our seniors," added City Mayor Dan Dwyer. "Maintaining and improving the quality of life in our community has always been a priority, and this plan meets that goal."

"We are so lucky to have two great communities that put such a focus on senior services," said Bobbie Pummill, director for the Council on Aging. "By expanding services

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Plymouth

Taxpayer to wait 4 weeks for rebate

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Allegations that Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards withheld refund payments due a commercial taxpayer have been allayed following a meeting last Tuesday.

Principles from Viola Holdings, owners of VersaTrans, who claimed that Edwards withheld the final payments from the Wayne County Land Bank TURBO tax rebate program, said they have agreed to a four-week wait for payment after a meeting with township officials and representatives from Wayne County last Tuesday.

Jared Rodriquez, acting as a business consultant and spokesperson for Viola, said an agreement was reached during a meeting with Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Edwards, along with representatives from the Wayne County Treasurer's office. Rodriquez said company officials will wait an agreed upon four-weeks for a response from Wayne County after receiving a promise from county officials to investigate the delayed tax rebate.

"We had a good meeting…they did their due diligence and we're happy with the progress," said Rodriquez after the meeting.

In an Aug. 6 letter addressed to the entire township board, Rodriquez, representing Viola and VersaTrans, demanded immediate action regarding an overdue tax refund as part of the Wayne County Land Bank TURBO program. The estimated amount is $10,000.

It is the responsibility of the local municipal treasurer, in this case Edwards, to send the collected tax revenue to Wayne County which then acts as an agent and mails the rebate to the qualifying Land Bank taxpayer. In his letter, Rodriquez blamed Edwards and accused him of withholding the tax money that should have gone to the county.

Price mentioned the conflict between Viola and Edwards during the regular meeting of the board of trustees last Tuesday evening, explaining that despite the allegations by Viola officials, the problem was actually caused

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by the erroneous removal of VersaTrans from the TURBO program by someone in the offices at Wayne County.

"The county removed them from the Land Bank and therefore the township could not give them payment because they were no longer in the Land Bank," Price said.

"In order to fix the problem, the township has to send a letter to the Wayne County Treasurer asking him to re-instate the Viola properties into the Land Bank for 2013," Price said.

The letter detailing the situation and requesting that VersaTrans be reinstated in the Land Bank TURBO program was sent to the county offices from the township on Tuesday, Price said. He added that county officials have indicated that when the letter is received, the tax refund check will be cut within four weeks.

"There was great concern from the Board of Regents as to how the Land Bank was being handled once the executive section was shut down…like who was in charge, how it has been handled. When (Warren) Evans turned the Land Bank over to the Treasury Department, Ray Wojtowicz (Wayne County treasurer) took over."

Rodriquez, who was not at the board meeting, said that VersaTrans had agreed to wait for the estimated four weeks for the long overdue check.

"We have to take their word for the engagement over the past four weeks, We don't know the inner-workings of Wayne County, nor Plymouth Township. …This is a situation we've been working on for over a year. We expected to close this out—we expected our 2013 payment to come in 2014."

In his August letter, Rodriguez said Edward's assistant told them that a check had been sent to the Wayne County Land Bank in April 2015. In his letter, he also complained of deceit and misinformation provided by Edwards. He maintains that the funds should have been sent to the county from the township.

"I don't know where the Edwards' check is at," he said.

Speculation was that the ongoing dispute between VersaTrans and the township regarding the tax refund check may have been either the cause or effect of VersaTrans' refusal to donate funds to the township fireworks and picnic as they have in the past.

"I don't know why they didn't donate this year," Rodriquez said.

"Ultimately we just want to close this out. We've spent a great deal of time, energy and money to track this down. It's unfortunate it had to go to this.

"We're going to monitor the situation," he said.

Free movie night is offered in Plymouth

The Charter Township of Plymouth is teaming up with USA Hockey Arena to provide a free movie night at the arena Summer Drive-in, Monday, Aug. 31st. USA Hockey Arena will provide the first 300 residents of Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth with a free car pass made available at township hall.

"We are thrilled to be able to host this 'back to school' event for our residents," said Supervisor Shannon Price. "This project is just another example of the great corporate citizens we have in our community."

The evening will include a choice of three movies, popcorn, drink and entertainment prior to the movies; Gates will open at 7 p.m. and movies will start at dusk. The Township of Plymouth will have a Public Safety representative there with a police cruiser for photo opportunities, along with free Fingerprint America Child Identification kits. In addition there will be a Plymouth Township Fire Truck and staff available. The evening will include free face painting and raffles.

"This event promises to have something for everyone," added Clerk Nancy Conzelman. "Whether you have young children who will enjoy the activities, or you simply want to enjoy

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a drive in movie on a summer evening, we have a fun-filled night planned for you."

Residents who would like to attend the-Back-to-School Movie Palooza can pick up a voucher at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Each voucher will allow one car with as many people as one can fit into the movie of their choice. Residents will be required to show ID indicating they live in Plymouth Township or the City of Plymouth when picking up the voucher. There is a limit of one voucher per household.

"When Supervisor Price approached us with his idea for a back to school free movie, we were happy to work with the township to make this community event happen," said Denise Ronayne, director of Corporate Sales and Marketing for USA Hockey Arena. "We are looking forward to hosting this event for local Plymouth families in cooperation with our sponsors."

The Charter Township of Plymouth and USA Hockey have secured sponsorship dollars to offset the cost of this event. All sponsorship money will be paid directly to USA Hockey Arena. Sponsors include: Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors, Erin McKenzie and Andy Hargreaves; Lou LaRiche Chevrolet; 1-800 Storage; IBEX Insurance and Rizzo Environmental Services.

Visit www.summerdrivein.com for a listing of the movies showing.

In case of rain, vouchers may be accepted on Sept. 1. USA Hockey Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth.

Seniors

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and programming at the Friendship Station, our seniors can finally have a place to call home."

As part of the plan, the Plymouth Township Seniors Club will combine with the Council on Aging beginning Jan. 1, 2016 to form one senior organization. The club card games will be preserved with the new and expanded programming.

"This project is a perfect example of our local leaders putting politics aside and doing the right thing for our community and residents," Price continued. "It has been a pleasure working with the mayor on this project, and I am confident will be able to collaborate to improve our community."

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will join the Council on Aging, Plymouth Community United Way, and the Wilcox Foundation have agreed to share in the purchase price of a new bus for Senior Transportation.

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OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice Is Hereby Given that on September 2, 2015, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services - Road Division, Central Maintenance Yard, 29900 Goddard Road Extension, Romulus, Michigan 48242.

The Day of Review is for the purpose of reviewing and revising the boundaries of the Drainage Districts below. Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at: www.waynecounty.com/doe.

The Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries is an opportunity to review the Drainage District boundaries with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner, engineers and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review.

The Day of Review of Apportionments is an opportunity to review the apportionment with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drains will also be available at the Day of Review.

Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the assessment period is greater than one year, you may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at (313) 749-8340 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days. You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
Ayers Drain	Van Buren Township	05, 06	05, 06
Fellows Creek Drain	Plymouth Township	29, 30, 31, 32	29, 30, 31, 32
	Canton Township	04, 05, 07, 09, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27	04, 05, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27
	City of Westland	19, 30	
Goodell Drain	Canton Township	19, 20, 29, 30	19, 20, 29, 30

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Water rates to be topic at Northville meeting

Northville Township residents will hear some expert advice about their skyrocketing water rates at a meeting set for Sept. 14.

The meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. in the community room at township hall, will feature guest speaker Vyto Kaunelis of OHM Advisors. Kaunelis offers technical advice to Oakland and Wayne counties regarding water use and rates. His resume includes 10 years working with the Wayne County Department of Environment.

He will address the concerns of residents regarding escalating water costs in the township, rates set by the board of trustees in December. Township officials cited three main reasons for the current rates: a drop in consumption; a change in how the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is computing the rate it charges the township, and a jump in the percentage of the fixed costs DWSD passes on to its customers.

In Northville Township, water rates jumped to $10.01 per 1,000 gallons, plus more than $28 bimonthly in fixed-rate costs, an increase from just over $20 last year. The drop in water use throughout the service area reduced the revenue paid to DWSD, prompting officials there to establish a new billing system, based on actual consumption in each community. In Northville Township, water use dropped by 40,000 Million Cubic Feet to 130,000 Million Cubic Feet.

The rate DWSD charged for fixed costs was increased, too, up to 60 percent from only 40 percent last year, officials said.

"We thought it would be good for (residents) to hear from someone outside the (township) building," noted Township Manager Chip Snider said. "(Kaunelis) is an expert, and I think residents need to hear from an expert."

"There has been a recent extraordinary increase that demanded a public meeting," said Snider. "(Residents) might not like the answers, but we want to make sure they have the answers."

Northville Township Hall is located at 44405 Six Mile Road.

Canton seniors bring home Olympic medals

Canton seniors represented their community well in the 11th Annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics by collecting 78 of the 488 medals distributed during the annual summer event. Ninety Senior Olympians from Canton participated in the games Aug. 10-14.

Other communities competing in the Senior Olympics included Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville/Northville Township, Plymouth/Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland. Westland Olympians were awarded 82 medals, the most of any community. The Canton total of 78 was the second highest and Van Buren Township seniors took the third highest number of medals with 49.

In total, 553 Western Wayne seniors competed and won 488 medals.

Opening ceremonies this year took place in Hines Park and the games concluded with a banquet and medals presentation at Roma Hall in Garden City.

Last year 100 Canton residents brought home a total of 85 gold, silver, and bronze medals during the Tenth Annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

The Canton Senior Center, Club 55+, which provides year-round social, recreational and educational activities, and also serves as an informational resource for those 55 and better serve senior citizens in Canton. For more information about senior programs, call (734) 394-5485 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Safest

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keep violent crime to under 100 reports in 2013. Coffee with a Cop is just one program the city has initiated to foster cooperation and trust between citizens and law enforcement. Residents have the opportunity to gain insight into police activities and ask questions about issues in the community in an informal setting each month."

Population: 88,958
Violent Crimes per 1,000: 1.05
Property Crimes per 1,000: 14.05

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Hazardous waste collection set

Residents of the City of Northville, Northville Township and the City of Livonia are invited to bring their residential hazardous waste to city yards for free and safe disposal from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sept. 12.

The yards are located at 650 Doheny St.

Acceptable items include: aerosol cans, antifreeze, household chemicals, batteries (auto, marine, household), caustic acids, computer equipment and electronics (modems, printers, FAX machines, VCRs, TVs, keyboards, mice, cell phones), expired medications, fluorescent light bulbs (including compact), gasoline, gasoline and oil mixes, herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, kerosene, medical wastes (sharps in containers only), mercury items or contaminated debris, oil-based paints, stains and primers, propane tanks, transmission fluid, turpentine and varnish. The waste collection is a joint effort of the City of Northville, Northville Township and the City of Livonia.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC HEARING
Community Development Block Grant

On September 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Level, Meeting Room D of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, the CDBG Advisory Council will hold a public hearing on the ***5 Year Consolidated Plan including the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.*** Public participation and comments are welcomed. Questions, written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Mike Sheppard, Financial Analyst, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5225.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon a two week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – August 18, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: Anthony Staff Present: Leisure Services: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Greg Hohenberger, Jeanette Aiello, Ann Marie Carravallah, Jay Young From the Planning Department: Jeff Goulet, Leigh Thurston Other Attendees: Planning Commission: Dawn Zuber, Brad Cambridge, Greg Greene, Julia Perkins, Craig Engel. LSAC Members: Chairman – Robert Mossel, George Bradley, Kellee Chancellor, Anthony Davis, Mike Gulkewicz, Valerie Krimmer, Colleen Pennington. Dick Carlisle, President and Sally Elminger, Senior Associate with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION: Item 1. Joint Meeting of Township Board, Leisure Services Advisory Committee, and Planning Commission – Leisure Services Five Year Master Plan Update** The following information was presented during this joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) members. **PRESENTATION OUTLINE** Accomplishments since last Master Plan Update Population Trends 2014 Community Interest Survey Results **ACCOMPLISHMENTS** ADA accessibility improvements Initiated replacement of mowers for Parks and Golf Replacement of equipment at Fellows Creek Club Golf Short-term roof repairs Implementation of Energy Management Program Installation of energy efficient lighting systems Replacement of four roof top units Installation of water saving fixtures Installation of new upgraded Administration digital sign Installation of site lighting at Preservation Park Dog Park Installation of shade structures Updated Patriot Park Master Plan Upgraded Village Theater lighting and sound – (in the last 2 years) Trail Expansion in conjunction with International Transmission Company Structural upgrades at Canton Historical Museum Upgraded irrigation systems at Independence Park and Canton Sports Center Relocated B.L.O.C.K. Teen Center to Administration Building Replacement of Administration Front Door Summit 2015 Renovation –Starting Sept. 8 Running track improvements Aquatic Center renovations Locker room renovations Gym curtain replacement **POPULATION TRENDS Aging:** Canton residents age 65 and older will increase by 138.4% by 2040, representing almost 21% of the Township's population. (S E M C O G Forecast) **Diversity:** In 2010, 26.8% of Canton's residents described themselves as a race other than white, vs. 17.7% in 2000. (U. S. Census) **2014 COMMUNITY INTEREST SURVEY-Conducted in conjunction with the Canton Public Library** Statistically valid survey 2,000 surveys sent; 430 households responded; 95% confidence Benefits, Satisfaction, Quality of Life: -95% agree that Leisure Services makes Canton a more desirable place to live - 78% are very or somewhat satisfied with value offered by CLS -95% rank quality of CLS services excellent or good Facilities: -Most important Township park/facilities: Summit (46%) and Heritage Park (45%)-Heritage Park and Summit used most often of all facilities - Reasons for not using the Summit included: ? Too expensive (35%) ? Not interested in programs offered (19%) ? Program times inconvenient (16%) ? Summit not close to their residence (12%) ? Used facilities provided by others (11%) -Walking, biking, nature trails as most important type of recreation facility (42%) - 92% ranked overall physical condition of Canton's parks as good or excellent - Soccer fields, large community parks, youth baseball/softball fields, and small community parks ranked highest as meeting needs -Needs for outdoor swimming pools, trails, indoor swimming pools, and indoor fitness facilities were met 50% or less-Highest need for trails, large community parks, small neighborhood parks, shelters/picnic areas, and indoor fitness facilities Programs: -Most important Township programs: Community special events (32%) and adult health wellness/fitness (25 %) -49% of respondents attended a CLS program in the past 12 months - 97% ranked quality of programs as good or excellent -Youth sports, community special events, youth learn to swim, and adult health/wellness ranked highest as meeting needs -Needs for hobbies, DIY/household, self -improvement, and adult health/wellness were met 50% or less - Highest need for community special events, adult health/wellness and fitness, youth sports, and hobbies **PROJECT TIMELINE** Kick-off: June, 2015 Update Background Information: July-August, 2015 Public Participation: August – October, 2015 - Joint Meeting – Community-Wide Meeting - Sports Groups Focus Group Meetings Update Public Input/Goals: November, 2015 Finalize draft with staff/LSAC December, 2015 Post on-line & hold public meeting for review January, 2016 Public Hearing January – February, 2016 **BRAINWRITING EXERCISE – Conducted by Dick Carlisle** Mr. Carlisle presented the attendees with the following 6 questions designed to allow all members of the audience to participate. He asked the group to write the answers to these questions on sticky notes. He then gathered the notes and organized the responses. 1. Should parks and recreation facilities be expanded in the next five years? If so, what should these new facilities be? Summary of Responses: Outdoor Pool, Pickle Ball Field, Extend the Path System, More Picnic Structures, Expand Summit, More Facilities for Senior Activities, Increase Winter Sports 2. What park and/or recreation facility improvements would you include in the Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years? Would you concentrate on maintaining what we have, or adding new/improved facilities? Summary of Responses: Mostly Add New and Improved Facilities; Indoor Tennis, Restroom at Preservation Park, Picnic and Family Gathering Areas, Nature Trails, Outdoor Drinking Fountains. 3. Should there be a balance between active recreation facilities and natural resource preservation? If yes, how can the Leisure Services Master Plan help achieve this balance? Summary of Responses: Yes (almost all responses – only 1 No) Balance Recreation With Natural Areas – Work With The DNR. 4. Are any segments of Canton's population being underserved by leisure opportunities? If so, how would you fill those gaps? Summary of Responses: More Cricket, Art Development, Increase Programming at Village Theater, Competitive Swimming, Increase Health and Wellness Programs, Provide More Opportunities for Seniors. 5. Are there specific ways Leisure Services can enhance the lives of Canton citizens through new or improved activities? Summary of Responses: Cricket, Lacrosse, Kayaking, Expand Bike Trail, Sidewalk Gap, Recognizing Demographics of the Age of the Population. 6. List any other great ideas you have for Leisure Services. Summary of Responses: Maintenance of Our Street Trees, 150 Acre Horseback Riding Stable, Minor League Baseball Park, Connect to Washtenaw County Trail, Future of Public Transportation to Detroit, Live Music Events with Local Musicians, Art Contest for Recycled Items, Day of Dance, Sculpture Garden on Trails, Eagle Scout Projects. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: August 27, 2015 EC082715-1176 2.5 x 7.654

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC HEARING
CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL

On September 9, at 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room "D" in the lower level of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council will hold a public hearing on the FY 2014 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("CAPER"). Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Mike Sheppard, Financial Analyst, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5225.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT
(Program Year 2014 CDBG "CAPER")
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5225, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 15 days, beginning August 27, 2015. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 2015 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

STONE RIDGE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SINGLE FAMILY CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.03D FOR PARCEL NO. 017 99 0009 001. Property is located south of Joy Road between Ridge and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 10, 2015, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP
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Greg Greene, Chairman
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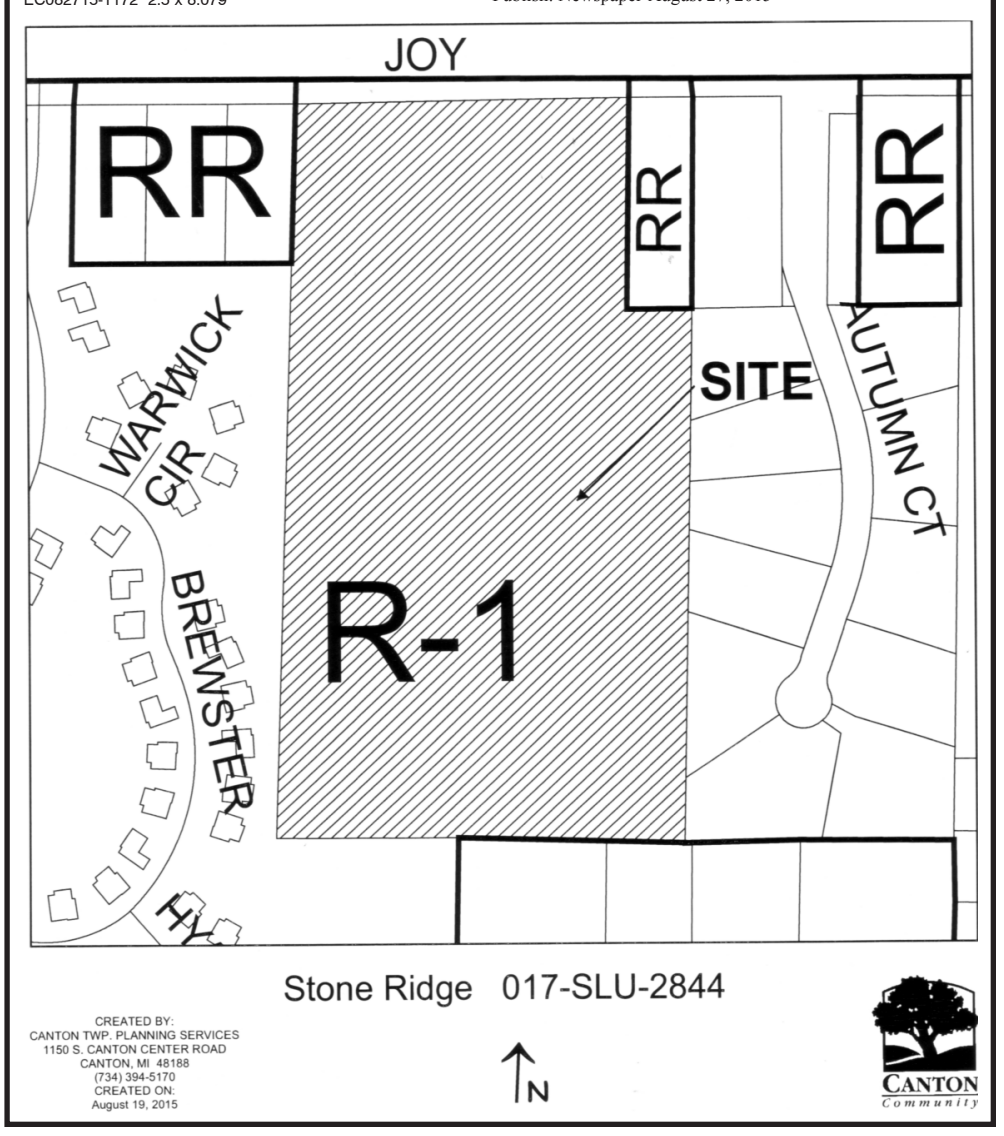

Wayne - Westland

Foundation awards $12,000 in local scholarships

It was Christmas in July last month for several area students when the Westland Community Foundation announced the winners of $12,000 in scholarships.

During the annual fundraiser for the group, which took place at the new Westland City Hall this year, 12 local students accepted $1,000 scholarship checks from the foundation.

Winners this year, in alphabetical order, were:

Ashlee B. Alexander, a graduate of John Glenn High School who plans to attend Eastern Michigan University and pursue a career as a pediatrician. She was the class treasurer at William D. Ford Career Technical Center, K.O.M. mentor and volunteer and participant in the Teen Advisory Board at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Rya M. Bark, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate. She plans to attend Schoolcraft College and pursue a career in welding. She was an officer in the charity organization called J.O.E, including being president of the group.

Farhan T. Chaudray, also a Wayne Memorial High School graduate. He will attend Eastern Michigan University to pursue a career as a physical therapist or wildlife biologist. He earned an Academic Letter and volunteered at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Frances C. Felix, who had perfect attendance at John Glenn High School, plans to attend the College for Creative Studies, hoping for a career in entertainment arts. She was a four-year Academic Award recipient and was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Emanuel T. Hill II, a John Glenn High School alumni will study criminal justice with a minor in art at Schoolcraft College. A member of the National Technical Honor Society, he received an Academic Letter Award and was on the Honor Roll.

Madison M. Hille, who attended Livonia Franklin High School, will attend Cedarville University to study graphic design. An Honor Roll student, she was also Student of the Month and was a volunteer at the Rescue Mission. She distributed food for the homeless and has been on a missions trip.

> *The Westland Community Foundation comprises community and business leaders and the group has collected more than $1,125,000 to support the college scholarship program...*

Taylor S. Johnson, a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, plans to attend Michigan State University to study neonatal medicine.

She led and directed her church children's choir, participated in orchestra and marching band and performed community service.

Vickee V. Le attended Churchill High School and will attend Schoolcraft College to pursue a career as a nurse or physician's assistant. She was a member of French Honor Society and president of French Club. She also assembled gift baskets for the less fortunate and raised money for Saving the Children.

Kealani K. Sypher who attended John Glenn High School will study computer engineering at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She was captain of the Robotics team and president of I-Save Team.

Brandon P. Testorelli attended Wayne Memorial High School and will study Auto Body Repair at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. He achieved perfect attendance for two consecutive years in high school.

Shana Totten, a John Glenn High School graduate, plans to attend Lawrence Technological University to study robotic engineering with a minor in alternative energies. She received the Michigan Department of Education Breaking Traditions Award and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She also was captain of multiple facets of the Bionic Zebras robotics team, volunteered at First Step, mentored a robotics team at Stevenson Middle School and started a robotics team at her high school.

Juan R. Wise II will attend Adrian College to pursue a career as an athletic trainer. He attended Wayne Memorial High School.

He hopes to play professionally in the NFL or NBA. He was president of the Wayne Memorial Gentlemen of Distinction, Varsity football captain and conducted a canned food drive for his church and Gleaners Food Bank.

The Westland Community Foundation comprises community and business leaders and the group has collected more than $1,125,000 to support the college scholarship program, donations of food, toys and winter coats to families in need, Salvation Army Summer Day Camp for children, Inspire Theatre group, Camp Liberty, Warm Hearts and many other Westland civic and altruistic programs.

Awards dinner planned for 'Diamond of Community'

A shining example of volunteer work and community activism will be honored by the Wayne Commission on Aging Sept. 15.

Lois VanStipdonk has been selected to receive the 2015 Diamond of the Community Award in Wayne, honoring her for her history of community service. The former Wayne librarian will be honored at a dinner at 6 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Wayne Community Center on Howe Road.

The 2015 Diamond of Community award was initiated in 1995 by the Wayne Commission on Aging in an effort to recognize the volunteer efforts of an individual older than 70 who continues to help make Wayne a 'Great Place to Live'.

VanStipdonk's volunteer history includes her current term as co-President of both the Wayne Rotary and Wayne Garden Club. She is a member of the board of directors for the Friends of the Library, an active member of the Wayne Historical Commission, a member of Wayne Main Street and sings in the choir at St Mary's of Wayne.

VanStipdonk also volunteers for the Wayne Westland Literacy Project.

Tickets for the Diamond of the Community award dinner are $15 and can be purchased at the Community Center until Wednesday, Sept.9.

For more information, contact Nancy Wojewski-Noel,Senior Services supervisor at (734) 721-7460 x1312 during office hours from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Community Center is located at 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

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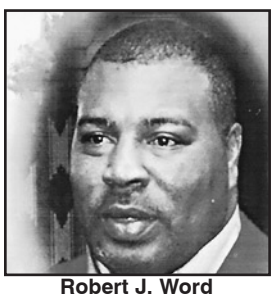


Robert J. Word
Dec. 10, 1961
Aug. 13, 2015

Robert J. Word died Aug. 13, 2015 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his mother, Sallie Word; three sons, Robert Word, Jr., R'Monte Word and Lyle Taylor; three daughters, Robin Word, Amani Word and Catherine Mack; four brothers, Terry L. Word, Johnnie F. Word, Booker (Toni) Word and Michael B. Word; three sisters, Gloria A. Love, Bernedia Word and Glenda (Chris) Starks; an uncle, David Brandon of Chicago, IL; his mother-in-law, Rita Drake, the caregiver of his youngest son; Maggie King, the mother of Little Robert and Robin Ann; Andrea, the mother of R'monte and Amani's mother, Danielle; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins along with his church family, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willie Frank Word and his son, Rashard James Word.

A home-going celebration took place at New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Ypsilanti with the Rev. Calvin McCoy officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Final rites were offered by Serenity Cremation Services.

To advertise in The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

Ruby Lee Davis
Sunrise: Nov. 9, 1916
Sunset: Aug. 11, 2015

Ruby Lee Davis died Aug. 11, 2015.

Mrs. Davis was a professional beautician in Detroit for many years and an avid seamstress. After her retirement, she lived at Rivergate Terrace Health Care facility where she operated the store.

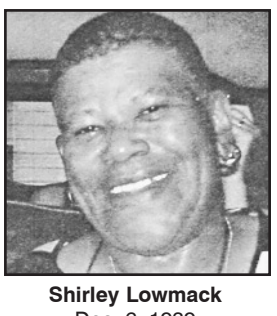
She is survived by a host of relatives and friends who will cherish her memory.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Annie Jossey and her husband of 26 years, Edward Davis, who died in 1972.

Funeral services took place at Saint John American Methodist Episcopal Church in River Rouge with the Rev. Daniel J. Reid officiating.

Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park West Cemetery in Redford.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.



Shirley Lowmack
Dec. 6, 1939
Aug. 12, 2015

Shirley Lowmack died Aug. 12, 2015.

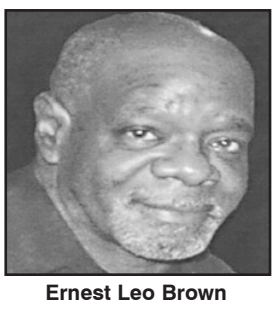
Mrs. Lowmack was a military wife and lived in several places prior to being widowed. She retired from The Senior Alliance where she provided support for the sick and shut-in, the last of many jobs she held.

Among her survivors left to cherish her memory are her sister, Marilyn A. Shields; five children, Cheryl (Eddie) Fowlkes, Tracy (Jim) Scott, Pamela (Enrique) Santos, Willie Lowmack, II and James (Misty) Lowmack; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a host of family members, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Lee Lowmack and a brother, Donald E. Alford.

A home going celebration took place at the Penn Funeral Home on South Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Sheri Robinson officiating.

Serenity Cremation Services Inc. accorded final rites.



Ernest Leo Brown
Sunrise: Jan. 8, 1953
Sunset: Aug. 13, 2015

Ernest Leo Brown died Aug. 13, 2015.

He attended Inkster Public Schools where he excelled in cross country and track.

He was employed at Metro Airport as a ramp agent and was a member of the Hell Raisers motorcycle club.

Among his survivors are his wife, Evelyn Brown; 10 children, Shaun (Deirdre) Brown, Melissa Brown, Courtney Allen, Dorian (Shawn) Brown, Antoine Brown, Jaz'nelle Cleveland, Rashard Cleveland, Lavetta Brown, Lavell Brown and Latrice Brown; 10 grandchildren, Chantel Brown, Jawaun Henry, Tyshonia Brown, Makayla Henry, Jarae Potter, Da'Jon Cleveland, Asia Kendricks, Antoine Brown, Jr., Ameron Brown and Leveyah Robinson; brothers, Charles (Darlendez), James, Carl and Denzell (Sherlise); sisters, Rose and Judy (Drexell); sisters-in-law, Shirley Brown, Yolanda Wilson and Frenda Coffee; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a special friend and nephew, Robbie Perkins.

A memorial service took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Dr. Willie J. Cooper officiating.

Final rites were accorded by Serenity Cremation Services, Inc.

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Romulus senior Health Fair set for Sept. 22

Hundreds of area residents are expected at the annual Health and Wellness Fair at the Romulus Senior Center planned for Sept. 22. The event targets senior citizens but is open to people of all ages from Romulus and surrounding communities.

The day-long event will feature resources and information from a variety of vendors including BCBS of Michigan, HAP, Senior Alliance, Corpore Sano, Belton Hearing Center, Romulus Athletic Center, the Lodge at Taylor, Regency Health Care, Health Quest and many more.

"We are happy to continue our Health Fair again this year and encourage all residents, not just our seniors, to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

Vaccinations for both the flu and shingles will be provided along with blood pressure checks, blood sugar screenings, raffles and prizes.

34th District Judge Tina Green gets her annual flu shot at the Senior Center Health Fair last year.

Drive for school supplies continues in area

The Salvation Army will continue to accept needed donations of school supplies this week at various locations in the area.

Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for The Salvation Army, said that Van Buren Schools Board of Education President Brent Mikulski had spearheaded the efforts and expressed her thanks to him.

"Knowing that the month of August is often the last hurrah for families before school starts, we wanted to offer more opportunities for folks to participate in the collection of new school supplies," Aren said in a prepared statement.

Donations of new school supplies will be accepted the week of August 24-28 at:Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road; Belleville City Hall at 6 Main St. Photography by Shannon at 374 Main St.: Perspective Eyewear at 11824 Belleville Road; the Belleville Chamber of Commerce at 248 Main St. and The Salvation Army at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Since 2008 over 700 Van Buren Public School students have received new backpacks, school supplies and Payless gift cards ($25 value) so they can start the new school off in a positive way, Aren said.

"We need your help to continue this tradition. The Salvation Army pre-registers families with demonstrated need to receive these supplies. Any remaining supplies after distribution will be shared with the Van Buren Public Schools and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for distribution where the need is the greatest," she added.

"Our K-12 students and teachers are most deserving of our communal support this coming school year. Together we can make that happen. Should you have any questions or concerns about this year's effort, please feel free to contact me at (734) 453-5464.

"If you know of a family that would benefit from this program, please refer them to our offices - we will be sure that they are given an appointment to receive assistance," Aren concluded.

Clothing giveaway planned

Middlebelt Baptist Church in Inkster is planning another clothing giveaway event from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The church will have clean, gently-used items of clothing for men, women and children that will be given away at no cost.

The event is open to the public.

This month, a spokesperson said, the church will also have some household items that will also be available for those attending the giveaway event. The church usually hosts a clothing giveaway twice a year.

The clothing is donated by church members and collected from other benefactors, washed and mended in preparation for the giveaway, which often draws a large crowd.

The church is located at 943 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

For more information about the clothing giveaway, call (734) 728-3838.

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Library offers digital service

The Inkster Public Library is now offering Zinio for Libraries to library patrons. Through www.inksterlibrary.org, patrons will have unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, easily viewed on most internet-enabled devices. This service is available to patrons with an active library card beginning with the 29003 prefix. Patrons can upgrade to the new card with the 29003 prefix at the Inkster Public Library for a $2 charge, explained Sarah Marsack, youth services librarian.

She said the facility has some special events scheduled this month including LEGO Nights for children 10 and younger which take place from 4:30-5:30 every Tuesday.

The Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

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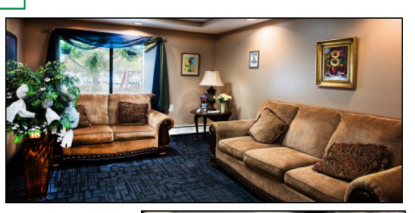

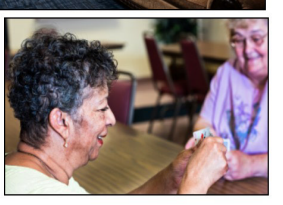

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Calendar of events

Final concert tonight

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts Music Lakeside series wraps up the 2015 season tonight with a performance by the Belleville Community Chorus as they celebrate their 10th year as well as an old fashioned ice cream social. The chorus is led by Director Sue Hiser, who has been at the helm since the inception a decade ago. The group will be presenting snippets from their spring concert Hooray for Hollywood as well as other pieces.

Audiences need to bring a lawn chair or blanket to Horizon Park and early arrival is recommended.

The show begins at 7 p.m. and takes place rain or shine. In case of rain, the performance will be moved to The Belleville United Methodist Church across from the park on Roys Street at Charles.

For more information about the Music Lakeside series or any of the other Belleville Area Council for the Arts upcoming events, visit bacaart.org.

City selling surplus equipment

The City of Westland will be offering surplus furniture and equipment during a sale beginning at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Aug. 28, in the west parking of the former city hall building, 36601 Ford Road and at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind the old city hall.

The sale will continue until 5 p.m. on Friday and will take place again from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at both locations.

A complete list of items for sale will be posted on the city website www.cityofwestland.com prior to the days of the sale.

As required under city codes, city employees and their family members are prohibited from purchasing any property. All sales are final and all items are sold "as is." Buyers may pay using cash, certified check or money order. The city will not accept payment by personal check or credit card.

Macy's helps library

Friends of the Romulus Library are joining with Macy's for a Shop for A Cause day Saturday, Aug. 29.

Shoppers can purchase a $5 coupon at the front desk of the library and can then save 25 percent on all purchases at Macy's all day. Some exceptions do apply.

Funds generated from the fundraiser will help pay for youth, teen and adult programming at the library.

Family Fun Festival planned

New Hope Family Fun Festival in support of Grief Awareness Day is planned from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at Mill Race Village in Northville.

Tickets are prices at $25 for adults, $10 for teens and those younger than 12 will be admitted at no cost. All proceeds will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support.

The family event includes live music, games, a dunk tank, barbecue and candlelit memorial tribute during the evening. New Hope Center is a 501 © 3 nonprofit dedicated to provided support, education and community at no cost to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net/rsvp.

Rouge-A-Palooza is topic

The Rouge River Cleanup and Rouge-A-Palooza will be topic of a talk by Kurt Kuban at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the Wayne Public Library.

The 3rd Annual Rouge-A-Palooza is planned for Saturday, Oct. 10 at Goudy Park in Wayne.

To register for this free program, call the Wayne Public Library at (734) 721-7832 or visit the Adult Reference Desk.

The Wayne Public Library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Elder law series begins

A four-week elder law series presented by attorney Gary Allen is being offered by the Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. The four part series includes: Tuesday, Sept. 1, Estate Planning; Tuesday, Sept. 8, Outliving your Assets; Tuesday, Sept. 22, Retirement Accounts (IRA, 401k, 403b, etc.) and Tuesday, Sept. 29, Taxes

Each topic will be presented at 10:30 a.m. until noon and from 6:30- 8 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

Reserve space now by calling (734) 453-6879, ext. 7.

Cake wars hit stage

Experience the eccentricities of Southern life as the Spotlight Still Got It Players presents The Red Velvet Cake War at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Sept. 2-6. Main stage performances will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets range between $16-$18 per person and can be purchased on line at www.spotlightplayersmi.org or by calling The Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For additional information about this or other Spotlight Still Got It Players productions, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

Chicken Supper served

Willow United Methodist Church will host a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out of dinners on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the church, 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

Carry outs are available beginning at 4:30 p.m. and the cost is $10 per dinner or $5 for dinners for children 12 and younger.

The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dessert and a choice of coffee, hot tea or milk.

For more information, call (734)654-9020.

Grief seminar planned

A grief-recovery seminar and support group will be meeting at Romulus Wesleyan Church in Romulus at 6 p.m. Thursdays starting Sept. 10 through Dec. 17. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13 video sessions include "Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief," and more. Attend any or all sessions. A $15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church, (734) 941-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.

Taste Fest set at Festival

The annual Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest will take place this year from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 at Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Old Village in Plymouth.

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are organizing the popular event which this year will include samples from Bahama Breeze, Cupcake Station, Extreme Pizza of Plymouth, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza and Ribs, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Leo's Coney Island of Plymouth and Canton, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Plymouth ROC, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Westland Famous Dave's , Vintners Canton Winery, Zoup Soup, Salad and Sandwiches.

The all-you-can eat cost is $15 for adults and $5 for children ages 5-10. Children younger than 5 are admitted at no cost.

There will be a live band and cash bar. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 459-1896.

New senior book club formed

The new Senior Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St.

On Sept. 15 the club will have an inaugural meeting to select upcoming book club titles.

For more information, contact the adult services librarian at (734) 955-4518.

Battle reenactment planned

There will be tanks, cannons and machine guns in the streets of downtown Belleville tomorrow evening reenacting a World War II street battle.

The event is a preview for the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show presented by the Wayne County Airport Authority, which will feature The Blue Angels. The preview battle is free and will take place at Main and Fourth Street.

Organizers said that the battle would be "no holds barred" and that audiences might become part of the action.

The battle will take place from 6-7:30 tomorrow, Aug. 28.

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